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SUBJECT : OPRED: Th[   ]Memorandum of   25X
May 8, and the IC Role

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1. [   ]analysis of the situation
is a good one, and generally concur in the recommendations con-
tained in paragraph 11. (We do not think semi-annual CIA reporting
is all that onerous, however.)

2. But going beyond that, the IC Staff should assert itself as
coordinator for the DCI, furnishing the so-called OPRED group (or
the staff of the Undersecretaries' Committee) with community
judgments relating to intelligence positions overseas. In reaching
such evaluations, DDO, INR, DIA, etc. should be consulted in their
respective capacities as participants in the community, keeping
clearly in everybody's mind that the IC Staff has no professional
axes of its own to grind in this process.

3. We need to consider the amount of resources required to do
such a job. If we were to go into detail in screening every change,
it would be burdensome and amount to undertaking a staff study of
each location individually. To avoid this, I would adopt the same

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kind of system [   ] advocates: general sanction of shifts within
existing ceilings, provided local authorities concur. A real case
study should be made only when opening or closing a significant
operation, or when a change in ceiling for a given agency seems
unavoidable.

4. This approach implicitly supports the idea that reductions
in numbers are to be achieved primarily by calling on an agency to
pare down, and allowing it to arrive at its own decisions as to how
and where. Anything having a major impact on intelligence would
surface in substantive discussions outside the purely personnel
channel anyway.

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5. The point [   ] makes in paragraph 7 is a key one --
there is a need for comprehensive figures, and if the present
OPRED staff does not keep them, someone else will or should.
We should support retention of the general function in State for
management purposes. We expect shortly to obtain a compre-
hensive set of figures on the intelligence slice of the pie, and
through continuing liaison with the OPRED staff would plan to keep
our set of data as current as possible.

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